



## REPORT TO

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### City of Sacramento Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee

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#### Staff Presentation/Information

June 6, 2011

#### Members of the Sacramento Redistricting Citizens Advisory Committee

**Title:** Report-Back on Linguistic Data for the Asian Community

**Location/Council District:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Receive and file

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**Background:** At the Redistricting Committee meeting of May 16, 2011, the Redistricting Committee member Camp requested additional information regarding the characteristic of segments of the Asian population. At issue:

1. Can staff provide linguistic data for the Asian population?
2. Language is the way in which people conduct political discourse and business; does it make sense to try to draw Council Districts to keep segments of the Asian population whole in order to foster civic engagement?
3. Does staff believe that segments of the Asian population constitute a Community of Interest?

**Summary/Conclusion:** While there is information available regarding the Asian population for Sacramento County and the City of Sacramento, the information does not provide locations of specific Asian groups within the City. The Asian community speaks very diverse languages and is from diverse countries of origin; therefore it is difficult to identify a Pan-Asian community of interest that meets the test of "a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests". However, it may be possible through *public testimony* to identify linguistic / cultural segments within the Asian population as Communities of Interest.

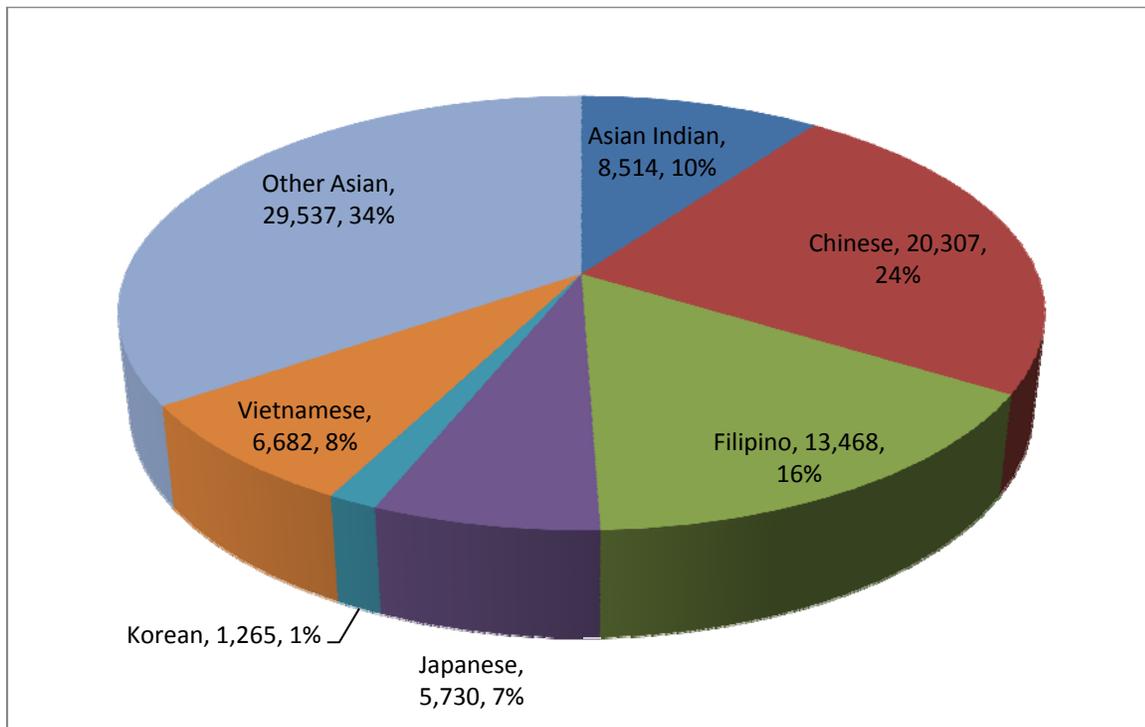
### Linguistic Data

The City has not yet received the 2010 Census data that breaks down Asian populations at the Census-block level, but expects to receive this data later this summer. The City has received 2010 Census data that provides information on the composition of Asian populations at the City-wide level. Additionally, 2009 American Community Survey data has been analyzed by the Sacramento County Office of Voter Registration and Elections which provides information on a County-wide level.

### 2010 Census Data

The following information was obtained from the Census Bureau analyzed by the California State Data Center, Demographic Research Unit, Department of Finance. It shows the total 2010 Asian population in the City of Sacramento (85,503) and breaks the Asian population into seven groups.

**Asian Population Composition in the City of Sacramento**



This data does not provide any information regarding the location of these populations nor does it provide any information regarding the languages spoken by these seven groups within the City of Sacramento.

### 2009 American Community Survey

The 2009 American Community Survey provides language data but the data is provided only on a County-wide level and is therefore, not particularly useful in City redistricting efforts.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scot Mende". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scot" and last name "Mende" clearly distinguishable.

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